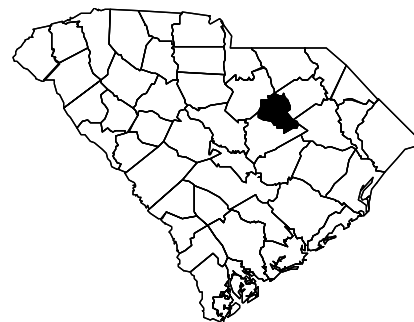


ASTHMA IN LEE COUNTY



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Impact of Asthma in the United States

- U.S. asthma lifetime cases more than doubled from an estimated 6.7 million to 31.3 million between 1980 and 2001.
- Costs for asthma have almost tripled from an estimated \$6.2 billion in 1990, to over \$16 billion in 2001.
- Five million U.S. children are asthmatic, more than the entire population of South Carolina.
- 4,222 people died of asthma in 2001.

- In 2001, there were 19 asthma hospitalizations of children (<18 years) in Lee county.
- Healthy People 2010 Objective for asthma hospitalizations among children under age 5 years is 25 per 10,000 children.
- Lee county had a rate of 78 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2001, compared to South Carolina's 65 per 10,000 children.

Asthma in South Carolina

- Annually about 264,000 South Carolinians suffer from asthma.
- In 2001, 1.2% (5,785) of ALL hospitalizations were for asthma.
- Asthma claimed the lives of 77 South Carolinians in 2001.

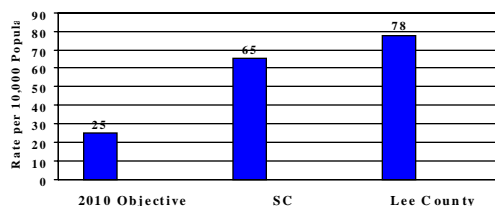
Impact of Asthma in Lee County

- About 683 (3.4%) adults in Lee county suffer annually from asthma.
- In 2001, there were 41 hospitalizations for asthma in Lee county for all ages.

Children Suffer the Most from Asthma

- Asthma/Bronchitis is the leading cause of hospitalization in Lee county for children under the age of 18.

Comparison of Asthma Hospitalization Rates, Children Aged 0-5, Lee County, 2001

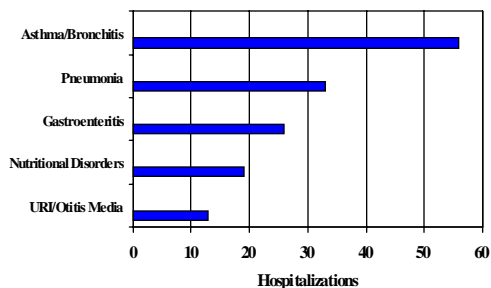


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Cost of Asthma

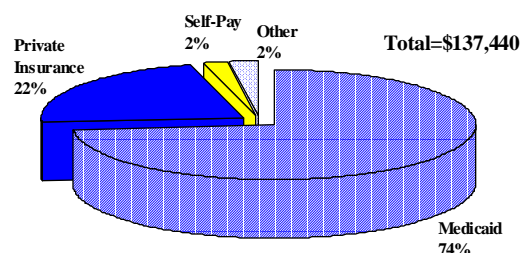
- \$137,440 was charged in 2001 for hospital and ER visits in Lee county for asthmatic children (<18 years).
- Medicaid covered nearly 74% of these charges.

Leading Causes of Hospitalization in Children Aged 0-18, Lee County, 2001



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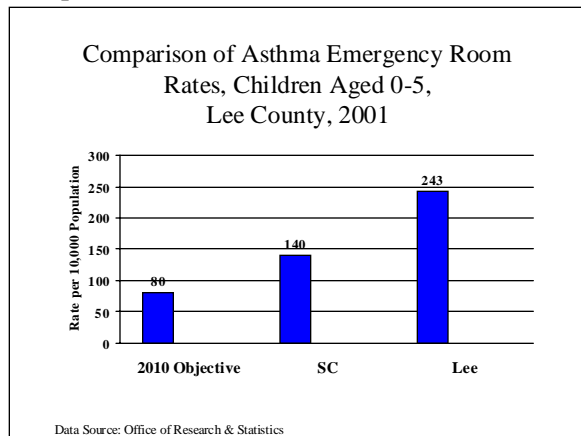
Percent Distribution of Asthma Related ER & Hospitalization Charges of Children Aged 0-18, Lee County, 2001



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Emergency Room

- 64 children under the age of 18 visited the ER due to asthma in Lee county in 2001. This represents 47% of all ER visits due to asthma.



- \$38,120 was charged for ER visits in Lee county for asthmatic children (< 18 years) in 2001.
- Healthy People 2010 Objective for asthma related ER visits among children under age 5 years old is 80 per 10,000 children.
- Lee county had an ER rate of 243 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2001, compared to South Carolina's 140 per 10,000 children.

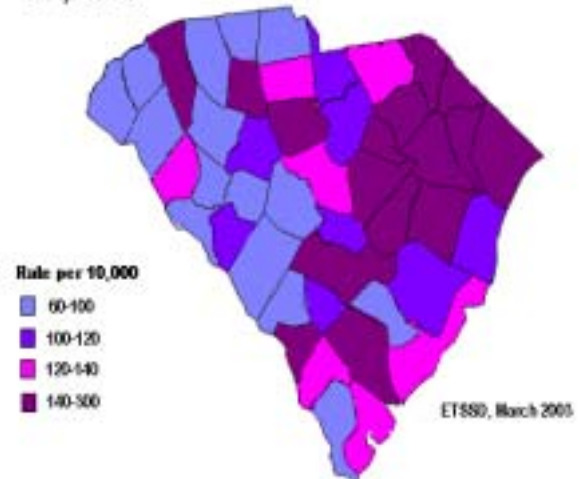


Disparities

- Non-white children under the age of 18 visit ER much more frequently than white children in the same age group.
- The hospitalization rate among non-white children approximately the same as that of white children.

Hospital and Emergency Room Rates per 10,000 Children (<18 years), 2001				
	Lee County		South Carolina	
	White	Non-white	White	Non-white
Hospital	23.4	41.2	19.2	41.5
ER	39.1	146.9	46.0	155.5

Asthma Related Hospital and ER Visits Rate for Children Younger than 18 SC, 2001



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